

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC., )	
ATX, ATX II, and WILDERNESS TIRES )	Master File No. IP 00-9373-C-B/S
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION )	MDL No. 1373
_____ )	(centralized before Hon. Sarah
)	Evans Barker, Judge)
)	
Sheryl H. McKinney v. )	Individual Case No. IP 00-5000-C-B/S
Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. and Ford Motor )	
Company )	
)	

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING UNDER SEAL**  
**AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

Now before the Court is the motion of defendant Ford Motor Company requesting an order granting it leave to file certain documents relating to the settlement of the above case under seal. These filings are to be made in connection with a dispute that has arisen regarding the disbursement of attorney fees. Having considered the motion and having determined that confidential terms of the parties' settlement agreement will be disclosed in connection with the filing, the Court directs that all filings regarding the above-referenced dispute be filed and maintained under seal until further order of this Court. Any objection to the maintenance of these filings under seal shall be filed within seven days of the date of this Order.

Also before the Court is the Motion for Immediate Disbursement of One-Half of

the Proceeds Tendered by Ford and Firestone filed by plaintiff's counsel Richardson, Stoops, Richardson & Ward ("RSRW"). With that motion, RSRW maintains that one-half of the total attorney fee disbursement the parties intend to deposit with the Clerk of the Court is not in dispute, a position apparently not controverted by the adverse claimant to the funds, attorney Joey McCutchen, who has filed his Claim of Lien for Attorney's Fee "in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the total attorneys' fees." The Court therefore orders Mr. McCutchen to show cause, on or before April 2, 2001, why one-half of the total attorney fee paid pursuant to the settlement agreement in this case and deposited with the Clerk should not be immediately disbursed to RSRW.

It is so ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2001.

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SARAH EVANS BARKER, JUDGE  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Indiana

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